

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (April-June 2012)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 05/02/12, 7pm, 30 min.

On Wednesday, academic powerhouses Harvard and MIT unveiled edX, a new \$60 million online education partnership that will offer free classes to students around the world. Tonight, Harvard Provost Alan Garber and MIT Provost L. Rafael Reif tell Emily how the groundbreaking collaboration promises to change online education.

Greater Boston, L 05/23/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Sharon High School French teacher Kathleen M. Turner received the state's highest honor for educators when she was named Massachusetts Teacher of the Year earlier this month. Emily talks with Turner about the recognition and her approach to teaching young minds.

Greater Boston, L 05/25/12, 7pm, 30 min.

A special Graduation Edition of Beat the Press with lessons for aspiring journalists embarking on their careers. Tonight's lessons include: some basic do's and don'ts for reporters; words to use and not to use; interviews too close for comfort; and just plain bad ideas. Tune in and take notes, grads!

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 04/10/12, 7pm, 30 min.

A bill before the state Legislature regarding the Rose Kennedy Greenway wants to cut state funding to the nonprofit entirely, giving complete control over to the state. Rep. Peter Durant says the Conservancy, which runs the 15-acre Greenway, has operated under secrecy for too long.

Greater Boston, L 06/05/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Suffolk Downs owners revealed their plans for a \$1 billion resort casino in the East Boston neighborhood this morning. How will it change the look of East Boston?

Greater Boston, L 06/07/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Dudley Square is about to get a drastic makeover thanks to a \$95 million plan to construct a hotel, retail space, and residential properties along Melnea Cass Boulevard. But in Roxbury, excitement about the project is mixed with a healthy dose of skepticism.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 04/03/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The defense attorney for Dwayne Moore - the suspected triggerman in the Mattapan murder trial - says details from a private sidebar conversation with the suspected lone holdout juror were leaked to The Boston Globe and could "poison" future jurors against his client. Could the supposed leak result in the dismissal of Moore's charges?

Greater Boston, L 04/04/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The state's highest court tapped former DSS commissioner Lewis "Harry" Spence to be the first civilian court administrator of the Massachusetts trial system. Spence tells Emily his plans for his new job.

Greater Boston, L 04/18/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The fatal stabbing of an elderly woman - the result of a possible burglary - has rattled the community of South Boston. While authorities say the neighborhood is generally safe, burglaries are up significantly over last year. Former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn tells Emily why the crime spike in South Boston is at a "crisis" level.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, 05/01/12, 7pm, 30 min.

It was 40 years ago that President Nixon signed legislation preventing gender discrimination in higher education. Today, Title IX is most widely known for pulling down the old barriers to female college athletes. But is it truly a level playing field?

Greater Boston, 05/29/12, 7pm, 30 min.

A local group is fighting the Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United decision that lifted restrictions on political contributions from corporations and unions. Free Speech For People executive director John Bonifaz lays out his plan to overturn the ruling.

Greater Boston, 05/29/12, 7pm, 30 min.

President Obama announced a major shift in the nation's immigration policy last Friday, halting deportation procedures and offering relief for some young undocumented immigrants. Emily speaks with one such immigrant about how the president's announcement could impact his dreams of citizenship.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 04/05/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Some Beacon Hill lawmakers want to crack down on welfare abuse by preventing EBT cardholders from withdrawing cash and using the cards outside of New England. Is this the right way to protect your taxpayer dollars, or is it unfairly targeting the needy?

Need To Know, N 05/11/12, 11pm, 30 min.

Should the government make it easier for foreign-born, hi-tech workers to stay in the United States, as companies like Google, Facebook and Microsoft argue? Or are these workers already undercutting the job market for Americans? Need to Know's Rick Karr travels to Silicon Valley and to New York City to investigate.

Greater Boston, L 05/30/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The Cambridge-based company GreatPoint Energy announced a \$1.25 billion deal this month to build a plant in China that will convert coal into natural gas. GreatPoint president and CFO Dan Goldman tells Emily what the partnership could mean for alternative energy jobs.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Frontline, N 04/10/12, 10pm, 60 min.

“Nuclear Aftershocks” - In March 2011 a devastating earthquake and tsunami crippled Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex, leaving the country's once popular energy program in shambles. In response, Germany decided to abandon nuclear energy entirely. Should the U.S. follow suit? FRONTLINE correspondent Miles O'Brien examines the implications of the Fukushima accident for U.S. nuclear safety, and asks how this disaster will affect the future of nuclear energy around the world.

Greater Boston, L 05/14/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Looks like one person's waste is another person's wattage. A Rutland dairy farm is using discarded food scraps to turn waste into electricity - enough for 300 homes. Former Massachusetts Energy secretary Ian Bowles joins Emily and Harvest Power CEO Paul Sellev join Emily.

Greater Boston, L 05/30/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Have you noticed problems with your electronic devices? Don't take this the wrong way, but the explanation is way over your head. A massive solar storm reached Earth's atmosphere Thursday morning and could cause problems for GPS navigators, airline control, and power grids.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 04/23/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Boston Mayor Tom Menino wants to cut the fat - but he's not talking about the city's budget. A public health campaign, Boston Moves for Health, is pushing Bostonians to collectively lose 1 million pounds in a year. Mayor Menino weighs in on his ambitious effort with Emily.

Greater Boston, L 06/14/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Addiction to painkillers has become a major issue in Massachusetts - so much so, Blue Cross Blue Shield has decided to crack down on the number of prescriptions being written for painkillers.

Greater Boston, L 06/20/12, 7pm, 30 min.

While more than 15,000 life science professionals have descended on the BCEC for the annual BIO International Convention, two dozen protesters demonstrated outside yesterday saying the FDA needs to speed up the approval process for an experimental cancer treatment.

VIII. Economy/Business

Greater Boston, L 05/07/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Just how severe is the economic crisis? Nobel Prize-winning economist and New York Times columnist Paul Krugman says the US economy has gone beyond a recession - it is now officially in a

depression. Krugman offers his plan to turn the economy around in his new book, End This Depression Now!

Greater Boston, L 05/08/12, 7pm, 30 min.

How do you get an innovative idea from the lab to the market? Last weekend, MIT's 2012 IdeaStream Symposium allowed some of MIT's brightest innovators to connect with a host of entrepreneurs and leaders in the business community. See what technological developments could be hitting the market someday.

Frontline, N 04/24/12, 9pm, 120 min.

“Money, Power and Wall Street, Hours 1 & 2” - In a special four-hour investigation, FRONTLINE tells the inside story of the origins of the financial meltdown and the battle to save the global economy. In Hour 1, FRONTLINE tells the epic story of the rise of modern finance. Correspondent Martin Smith interviews leading bankers, officials and journalists to explain how financial engineering on Wall Street brought the global economy to its knees - and the reverberations are still being felt along Main Street. In Hour 2, FRONTLINE producer Michael Kirk investigates how the country's leaders failed to prevent an oncoming crisis and ended up initiating the largest government bailout in history. Told by participants from Washington and Wall Street, the story includes inside accounts from the campaign of presidential candidate Barack Obama. By the time of his election Obama is thoroughly up to speed on the disaster, but the question remains - what can he do once he takes office?

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston, L 04/10/12, 7pm, 30 min.

As Massachusetts ponders becoming the third state to legalize suicide for the terminally ill, a Reading woman recounts her dying father's suicide in Oregon.

Greater Boston, L 05/22/12 7pm, 30 min.

Randal Rucker has been the CEO of Family Service of Greater Boston since 1996 and was recently awarded the 2012 Peter B. Goldberg/ARAMARK Building Community Executive Leadership Award for his efforts in building stronger communities.

Stuck in the Middle: Caring for Mom and Dad, N 06/02/12 12:30pm, 90 min.

One day most of us will have to face many hard issues regarding the care of our aging parents. For some, that day comes gradually. For others, it comes without a moment's notice. In either case the big question is, "Are you ready?" Essentially, 100% of us will most likely be caregivers at some point in our lives. Today there are more than 75 million people who are "stuck in the middle" of kids, career and caring for elderly family members. The process is often arduous and extremely painful. Barbara McVicker is one of the nation's leading authorities on eldercare. Through humor, tears and inspiring care giving stories, Barbara gives hope to viewers during this ninety-minute pledge special by providing them a lifeline and assuring them they are not alone. Most importantly, audiences will leave with the essential information and tools they will need to navigate care giving so they can move from crisis to planning.

